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Applicant : Ryoichi Okuyama et al.
Title : HYDROGEN GENERATING METHOD AND HYDROGEN
GENERATING SYSTEM BASED ON THE METHOD
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO ACTION

Sir:

In the Office Action of January 26, 2010, claims 13-14, 58-66, and 68-76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cropley et al. (US 6,811,905). In paragraph 6 of the Action, claims 67 and 77 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cropley et al. in view of Quang et al. (US 4,840,783).

However, in paragraph 7 of the Action, claims 1-10, 12, 16, 21-23, 27-28, 32-33, 39-40, 43, 47, 52, and 55 were allowed. The allowance of the claims is appreciated.

In the Office Action, Examiner acknowledges that "Regarding claims 13-14, Cropley et al teaches a methanol fuel cell that can be used in an alternative method to produce hydrogen." However,

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